



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7122**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, (1) "mobile dental clinic" means preventative or restorative  
3 dental services offered by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist from a  
4 van or through the use of portable equipment at various locations, and  
5 (2) "fixed location" means the permanent office of an associated dentist  
6 licensed pursuant to chapter 379 of the general statutes, who contracts  
7 with a mobile dental clinic and (A) is enrolled as a Medicaid provider;  
8 (B) maintains the diagnostic imaging, tests and charts of patients  
9 treated by the mobile dental clinic; (C) accepts and treats patients from  
10 the mobile dental clinic; and (D) provides a continuum of dental care.

11 (b) A mobile dental clinic may submit claims for Medicaid  
12 reimbursement to the Department of Social Services for dental  
13 treatment of Medicaid beneficiaries that occurred not more than thirty  
14 miles from the associated dentist's fixed location, except that a mobile  
15 dental clinic located in the counties of New London, Litchfield and  
16 Windham may submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement to the  
17 Department of Social Services for dental treatment of Medicaid  
18 beneficiaries that occurred not more than fifty miles from the dentist's  
19 fixed location.

20 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations in  
21 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to  
22 implement the provisions of this section. The commissioner may adopt  
23 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section  
24 while in the process of adopting regulations, provided such policies  
25 and procedures are published on the eRegulations System before such  
26 policies and procedures are implemented.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(b), "provided" was changed to "except" and in Section 1(c) "in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes" was inserted after "regulations" for accuracy and consistency with statutory drafting conventions.

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*